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SUNIL KUMAR MEHTA AND MEHTA INVESTMENTS LTD.,
Appellants,

v.

MOHAMMED AHMED,
Appellee.

On Appeal from the 295th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas
No. 2017-84654

UNOPPOSED FIRST MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE APPELLANTS' BRIEF

TO THE HONORABLE COURT OF APPEALS:

Pursuant to TEX. R. APP. P. 10.5(b) and 53.7(f), Appellants, Sunil Kumar Mehta and Mehta Investments Ltd., respectfully requests additional time to file their brief in this case. This motion is unopposed.

INTRODUCTION

1. Appellants are Sunil Kumar Mehta and Mehta Investments Ltd.
2. The trial court signed its final judgment on May 12, 2020.
3. The case number and style of the case in the trial court is No. 2017-84654; Mohammed Ahmed v. Sunil Kumar Mehta and Mehta Investments, Ltd.; in the 294th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas.

4. The Appellants' Brief is currently due on January 21, 2021.

5. Appellants seek a 30-day extension of time, through the end of February 20, 2021 to file their brief.

6. This is appellants' first request for an extension of time to file their brief. (A previously filed motion for extension was dismissed as moot, after the Court granted Appellants' motion to correct the filing date for the brief based on the record's being incomplete.)

7. Appellee is unopposed to this request.

8. Appellants request this extension because of several factors:

a. The court reporter filed the record on December 21, rather than on January 8 when it was due; as a result, preparation of the brief to meet the current deadline overlaps both winter holidays.

b. Counsel for appellants is scheduled for a couple of medical procedures, on January 8 and January 13. While they should be minor, they will further shorten the available time for working on the brief.

c. Many items in the recently filed reporter's record were not previously available for review by appellants' counsel.

d. The ongoing pandemic causes various staffing shortages that hamper production of a brief.

9. This motion is not filed for the purpose of delay, but to allow counsel adequate time to properly prepare the brief, so it can assist the Court.

PRAYER

For these reasons, Appellants request an extension of time through February 20, 2021 to file their brief and all other relief to which they are entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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